

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. A large meeting of journeymen coopers was held last evening at the hall, Eighth and Locust streets, when reports were received showing the trade to be in a good condition.

Domestic Affairs. Gold closed yesterday at 114.

Our Athletics defeated the Tri-Mountain of Boston yesterday by a score of 45 to 4.

A quarrel over seventy-five cents led to a horrible murder at Brazil, Ind., last evening.

The report of the conference committee on the fifteenth amendment has been adopted by the Senate.

A fire, resulting in the destruction of property valued at \$100,000, occurred in St. Louis on Tuesday evening.

General Jordan dined with the House Foreign Committee last evening.

Two vessels arrived at New York from Bremen yesterday, having smallpox on board.

The first action in the Fenian invasion occurred yesterday. The raiders, under the command of General O'Neill, crossed the frontier opposite Franklin, Vt.

The Dutch ladies find a resource against the disagreeable damp chills of their climate in the building use of the "stoojfe."

The bill authorizing civil marriages has become a law in Spain.

Lydia Beecher abuses Parliament for rejecting the Female Suffrage bill.

Fresh trials of speed are on the tapis between the Sappho and Cambria.

Prim declares that Spain took no part in the recent events in Portugal.

A number of dockyard laborers are about to embark at London for Canada.

Saldanha resorted to the military coup d'etat to prevent his arrest by Louis.

Saldanha is not in favor of an Iberian union, but will maintain Portuguese independence.

An amendment to the French Press law has been carried in the Corps Legislatif.

THE ASSEMBLY.

The Proceedings Yesterday Afternoon. The Presbyterial General Assembly reconvened at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The entire session was occupied with the discussion on the ratio of representation, many delegates insisting on the number of churches constituting the basis of representation.

Reception of the Foreign Delegates. In the evening the church was crowded to suffocation, every available spot having been filled even before the exercises commenced.

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Why do they decorate themselves with artificial flowers, the various colors of herbs, needflowers of exquisite skill, quaint devices, and perfume their persons, wear inestimable riches in precious stones, crown themselves with gold and silver, use coronets and tiaras of various fashions, deck themselves with pendants, bracelets, earrings, chains, girdles, pins, rings, spangles, embroideries, shawls, ribbons, veils, and other trappings?

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The Montreal Witness learns from parties conversant with the condition of that city that there are between two and three thousand dwellings standing vacant, representing a diminution of population to the extent of from ten to fifteen thousand persons.

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A GERMAN VIEW OF THE DUTCH AT HOME.

A recent visitor to Holland, Karl Braun, of Wiesbaden, contributes to the pages of the Gartenlaube some lively sketches of Dutch life, a few facts from which may be new and interesting to our readers.

Herr Braun's observations on Dutch beds (not tulip beds) introduce us to a new branch of comparative philosophy.

The Dutch bed, he says, is very much larger, and therefore more comfortable than the German bed.

Of the convenience of the latter, in some parts of Germany especially, he has touching complaints to make.

He was at Weimar once, and, expostulating with his landlady in the morning about the narrowness of the bed assigned, was taken to see the sleeping apartment once occupied by the poet Schiller.

"I felt ashamed," he says, with touching candor, "when I beheld the miserable little garret in which our great poet had dwelt, and the narrow board on which he had slept, and which in my opinion epithetistical injustice only could have called a bed."

From Weimar he on that occasion travelled south. Bad beds accompanied him till he got quit of the German tongue, and descended from the Dolomite mountains into the Italian Tyrol.

At Cortina d'Ampezzo his bed was as wide as that at Rotterdam.

Such beds, he says, are still to be found in the princely residences in Germany, and in a few patrician and peasant domiciles which have survived social disorder and revolution.

But for the most part they have vanished. The more sordid ideas of a prevailing middle class came in with the decline of the old aristocracy which set in from the sixteenth century, and which the prosperity of the nineteenth-century burghery is only now replacing.

Now, then, for a return to better domestic accommodations, and, above all, to larger beds.

We look upon Herr Braun's philosophy in this matter as perverted. With us in England, luxurious as are our house arrangements, small beds are surely gaining the day on the spacious "four-posters" in which our ancestors delighted.

A soldier's habits are perhaps exceptional; but Schiller could scarcely have died on a smaller bed than did the Duke of Wellington, or even, in another land, Nicholas I, Czar of all the Russias!

The Dutch ladies find a resource against the disagreeable damp chills of their climate in the building use of the "stoojfe," an earthen vessel filled with hot coals, and having five holes at the top through which the heat ascends.

The "stoojfe" is an article of rich and varied ornament as well as of use among the wealthy classes; but the poorest washerwoman and serving-maid have their "stoojfe," and to do without it would seem to be as impossible for them as for the habitual smoker to do without his pipe or cigar.

The indulgence, however, would seem to have some bad effects on the health, and some are disposed to ascribe to it the Dutchman's want of walking power.

On an ordinary "qualities" or "humors," as our old writers would say—of the typical Dutchman, our author has some quaint remarks to make.

He is struck by the mixture of great solidity and sedateness, with a turn for practical jokes of a childish and somewhat clumsy description, which the character usually embodies, and in which he is reminded of the whimsical contrasts observable in the life of the Middle Ages—such contrasts as "where, in one and the same church, would be witnessed to-day the practice of the most rigid self-mortifying asceticism."

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MARINE TELEGRAPH.

For additional Marine News see First Page.

ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA—THIS DAY.

SUN RISES..... 4:34 MORN RISES..... 5:23

SUN SETS..... 7:50 HIGH WATER..... 10:57

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

JOHN O. JAMES, } COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.

T. L. GILLESPIE, }

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

FOR AMERICA.

C. of New York, Liverpool, New York, April 30

Rising Star, Stettin, New York, May 4

C. of Liverpool, New York, May 11

Queen, Glasgow, New York, May 11

C. of Manchester, Liverpool, New York, May 14

Parana, Liverpool, New York, May 14

Hermann, Havre, New York, May 14

India, Glasgow, New York, May 14

FOR EUROPE.

Bellona, New York, London, May 28

Bremen, New York, Bremen, May 28

Sabaria, New York, Liverpool, May 28

Savaria, New York, Liverpool, May 28

Lafayette, New York, Liverpool, May 28

Erie, New York, Liverpool, May 28

C. of Paris, New York, Liverpool, May 28

Bretz, New York, Bremen, May 28

Brinnan, New York, Glasgow, June 1

Hermann, New York, Bremen, June 2

C. of Brooklyn, New York, Liverpool, June 4

Colorado, New York, Liverpool, June 4

C. of Antwerp, New York, Liverpool, June 11

ACHILLIS, NEW YORK, DOMESTIC, ETC.

Achilles, New York, Philadelphia, May 26

J. W. Everman, Philadelphia, Charleston, May 26

Missouri, New York, Havana, May 26

Wyoming, Philadelphia, Savannah, May 26

Pal-Ke, New York, Bermuda, May 26

Pioneer, Philadelphia, Wilmington, June 4

MAINS, NEW YORK, DOMESTIC, ETC.

Mains, New York, Philadelphia, May 26

St. Paul, New York, Philadelphia, May 26

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